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Chairman Marvin Abney House Committee on Finance Rhode Island State House Room 35 82 Smith St. Providence, RI 02903

ATTN: Christopher O'Brien, Committee Clerk

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## AGAINST House Bill 5193 - Establishment of Charter Schools

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

My name is Andrew MacMannis and I live in Warwick. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Representative O'Brien's bill, H-5193, regarding charter schools. I have worked in charter schools, at the Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts, for over a decade in a variety of roles. In that time, I have seen students gain access to unique classes and grow as citizens. I have worked with parents who are so grateful for choice, because not every student learns the same way. When there are 10,000 families applying for 2,000 seats, the case could be made that a charter moratorium stands in opposition to public desire.

Please oppose House Bill 5193, and support choices in education for all parents and students in the state.

Respectfully,

**Andrew MacMannis**